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Press Release

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The City of Norman will be hosting the fifth in a series of eight planned Public Forums on sustainable water resources for our future on March 4, 2010. The topic of this fifth forum will be the Central Oklahoma Regional Raw Water Supply Solution.

There will be discussion regarding the water supply needs of the Central Oklahoma communities for the future. We will hear Oklahoma City's view about the need for additional water supplies to the Central Oklahoma area, and learn about the use, availability and capacity of Oklahoma City's existing pipeline to South East Oklahoma.

In addition, an overview of the 'Regional Raw Water Supply Study for Central Oklahoma' will be presented by the Engineering firm authoring the study, CDM. They will take us through the determination of water needs for the area and the eleven participating communities. We will hear about the many alternatives considered for obtaining source water in South East Oklahoma and the complex options of delivering water to the participating communities. An overview of the additional information that will be needed such as environmental studies, route determinations, water rights, etc. will be briefly discussed. The presentation will focus on the study's implication to Norman's water future, cost and role in the Central Oklahoma Region.

All citizens of Norman are invited to attend and explore long term solutions for our drinking water needs. Come join your neighbors, community leaders and experts in the field of Oklahoma drinking water to discuss solutions and alternatives for Norman's drinking water for the next 50 years. These public forums are open to everyone with an interest in water and Norman's future.

The forums will be held in the council Chambers of City Hall located at 201 W. Gray Street. They will begin at 6:00 p.m. ;and will last approximately two hours.

The forums will be broadcast live on Channel 20 and rebroadcast periodically throughout the series. Each of the eight forums is open to all, but the City would encourage your commitment to attend as many meetings as possible in order to gain full understanding of our water needs and future. Please call the City of Norman

Utilities Department at 366-5443 to reserve your place at these meetings. Informational packets regarding each meeting will be provided.